

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Formal Matters

Claims 1-8 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 5, 7 and 8 are amended to avoid multiple dependencies. Claim 8 is amended for further clarity.

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

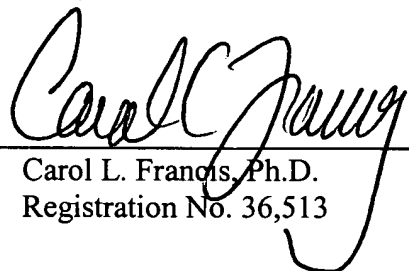
Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number RICE-056.

Respectfully submitted,

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